

## **Protect Emergency Services, Protect Jobs**

Dear Chair Liane Randolph and Board Members,

As members of California's towing and recovery industry, we appreciate CARB's recognition that the Advanced Clean Trucks regulation and the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus (HD Omnibus) regulations restrict the importation of the types of truck chassis towing and recovery businesses required to provide emergency road service to millions of motorists.

Local and state public safety agencies widely recognize California towing and recovery drivers as emergency service providers. They prioritize motorists' safety by providing reliable roadside assistance 24/7, supporting first responders, and clearing over 1,200 road accidents and 2,400 mechanical breakdowns daily.

California's Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) programs, funded by state and local transportation agencies, rely on local towing companies. By assisting stranded motorists and clearing accidents on California freeways, often within minutes, our drivers reduce the time motorists are stuck in traffic, reducing fuel costs and smog. This FREE program is essential for low-income motorists.

The importance of emergency roadside services was underscored during the COVID-19 pandemic when **Governor Gavin Newsom deemed towing and recovery truck workers part of California's "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce."** While the pandemic has passed, California's towing and recovery businesses are facing another crisis, and we need your help.

While the amendments being considered during the October 24th meeting are a good start, they must go further and provide immediate relief. Once existing inventories of HD truck chassis are depleted, the manufacturing and sale of towing and recovery trucks will stop, putting numerous jobs at risk. Before this happens, the board must act.

The time for immediate relief is now. **CARB should provide the towing industry with a temporary exemption until the regulations function as intended and truck chassis are readily available.** It is too risky to assume the proposed amendments will provide immediate relief and security for my employees. This pragmatic approach will help the Governor and State Legislature achieve their climate change goals without threatening jobs or putting motorists at risk. Doing it right will send a strong message to other states following California's lead.

Please provide immediate relief for 4,700 California towing and recovery truck businesses and their employees.

Thank you.

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